



# Grants, Resources and Notices from the Federal Government

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*This following is intended to provide the public with basic information of potential federal assistance and funding opportunities. Those interested in these or similar programs should contact the appropriate federal and state agencies for detailed information.*

*This list is not exhaustive but representative of various funding opportunities, resources and notices from the Federal Government of interest to the Fifth District. This information is subject to change and additional requirements, restrictions and guidance may apply.*

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### Basic Grants Information

Where to look to get started.

**Grants and Federal Domestic Assistance on Congresswoman Tsongas' Website:**

<http://tsongas.house.gov/index.cfm?sectionid=13&sectiontree=4,13>

**The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA)** is the primary source of federal grants program information, although actual funding depends upon annual congressional budget appropriations. The Catalog is available free full-text

on the Internet at <http://www.cfda.gov/> and allows searching by keyword and by various indexes such as department, agency, program, subject, beneficiary, and applicant eligibility.

Federal grant funding opportunities are posted on the website **Grants.gov**  
<http://www.grants.gov>.

The website enables grant seekers to electronically find and apply for competitive grants from all federal agencies. Again, for full program information, CFDA numbers are given. The site also allows users to receive e-mail notification of future grant opportunities, to apply for federal grants online through a unified process, and to track their grant application after submission.

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**U.S Department of Education**  
**List of Currently Open Grant Competitions**

CFDA#	Closing Date	Program Name [and Principal Office]
84.305B, D and E	9/22/2011	Education Research and Special Education Research Grant Programs [IES]
84.305A-1	6/23/2011	Education Research and Special Education Research Grant Programs [IES]
84.354A	5/10/2011	Credit Enhancement for Charter School Facilities Program [OII]
84.371C	5/9/2011	Striving Readers Comprehensive Literacy Grant Program [OESE]
84.325N	4/25/2011	Paraprofessional Preservice Program Improvement Grants [OSERS]
84.004D	4/25/2011	Training and Advisory Services; Equity Assistance Centers (Formerly the Desegregation Assistance Centers (DAC)) [OESE]
84.215A	4/25/2011	Presidential Academies for Teaching of American History and Civics [OII]
84.382A	4/25/2011	Predominantly Black Institutions Competitive Grant Program [OPE]
84.327A	4/21/2011	Technology and Media Services for Individuals With Disabilities--Steppingstones of Technology Innovation for Children With Disabilities [OSERS]
84.328C and M	4/15/2011	Training and Information for Parents of Children With Disabilities [OSERS]

For More Information:  
<http://www2.ed.gov/fund/grant/apply/grantapps/index.html>

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**U.S Department of Commerce**

**Economic Development Administration (EDA)**

- [Grant Requirements](#)

**International Trade Administration (ITA)**

- [Market Development Cooperator Program](#) (MDCP) awards include financial and technical assistance from the International Trade Administration (ITA) to support projects that enhance the global competitiveness of U.S. industries. An MDCP award establishes a partnership between ITA and non-profit industry groups such as trade associations and chambers of commerce. Such groups are particularly effective in reaching small- and medium-size enterprises. The non-profit groups compete for a limited number of MDCP awards by proposing innovative projects that enhance their industry's competitive position. Industry groups pledge to pay a minimum of two-thirds

of the project cost and to sustain the project after the MDCP award period ends. On average, projects generate \$124 in exports for every \$1 of MDCP awards made. Individual award limit of \$500,000.

- [Special American Business Internship Training Program \(SABIT\)](#). A technical assistance initiative of the International Trade Administration of the U.S. Department of Commerce, SABIT offers organizations competitive grants and an opportunity to host industry-specific delegations. SABIT serves as an initial entry point for U.S. businesses seeking funding to establish long-term relationships with potential customers, distributors, or partners in the former Soviet Union. The program trains Eurasian managers and scientists in commonly accepted business practices as a means of facilitating cross border relationships. In turn, these personal relationships serve as a basis for business development and reduce market access barriers for U.S. businesses

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## U.S Department of Agriculture

<a href="#">Close Date</a>	<a href="#">Opportunity Title</a>	<a href="#">Agency</a>	Funding Number
01/31/2012	<a href="#">Direct Certification Grants FY 2010</a>	Food and Nutrition Service	USDA-FNS-DC-10
09/30/2011	<a href="#">Rural Microentrepreneur Assistance Program</a>	Business and Cooperative Programs	RDBCP-10-RMAP
06/08/2011	<a href="#">Agriculture and Food Research Initiative: Foundational Program</a>	National Institute of Food and Agriculture	USDA-NIFA-AFRI-003397
05/18/2011	<a href="#">Agriculture and Food Research Initiative: Childhood Obesity Prevention</a>	National Institute of Food and Agriculture	USDA-NIFA-AFRI-003410
05/10/2011	<a href="#">USDA-FNS-CN-ART2-FY-2011</a>	Food and Nutrition Service	USDA-FNS-CN-ART2-FY-2011
05/10/2011	<a href="#">Women And Minorities In Science, Technology, Engineering And Mathematics Fields Program (WAMS)</a>	National Institute of Food and Agriculture	USDA-NIFA-WAMS-003415
05/03/2011	<a href="#">Community Connect Grant Program</a>	Utilities Programs	RDRUS-CC-2011
04/29/2011	<a href="#">WICSPG Full &amp; Concept Paper FY2011</a>	Food and Nutrition Service	USDA-FNS-WICSPG-FY2011
04/25/2011	<a href="#">Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant</a>	Utilities Programs	RDUP-11-01-DLT
04/25/2011	<a href="#">CNTN-FY2011</a>	Food and Nutrition Service	USDA-FNS-CNTN-FY2011
04/25/2011	<a href="#">Critical Issues: Emerging and New Animal Pests and Diseases Program</a>	National Institute of Food and Agriculture	USDA-NIFA-OP-003416
04/15/2011	<a href="#">New Era Rural Technology Competitive Grants Program (RTP)</a>	National Institute of Food and Agriculture	USDA-NIFA-RTP-003380
04/08/2011	<a href="#">Resident Instruction Grants Program for Institutions of Higher Education in Insular Areas (RIIA)</a>	National Institute of Food and Agriculture	USDA-NIFA-RIGP-003393
04/08/2011	<a href="#">Distance Education Grants for Insular Areas (DEG)</a>	National Institute of Food and Agriculture	USDA-NIFA-RIGP-003396
04/04/2011	<a href="#">Food Assistance and Nutrition Research Program (FY2011)</a>	Economic Research Service	FANRP2011001
03/31/2011	<a href="#">Federally Recognized Tribes Extension Program</a>	National Institute of Food and Agriculture	USDA-NIFA-SLBCD-003402
03/29/2011	<a href="#">Extension Integrated Pest Management - Coordination and Support</a>	National Institute of Food and Agriculture	USDA-NIFA-SLBCD-003411
03/18/2011	<a href="#">Fiscal Year (FY) 2011 WIC Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) Project Implementation Grant</a>	Food and Nutrition Service	USDA-FNS-WICEBTIMP-11

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## United States Department of Health and Human Services List of Currently Open Grant Competitions

For more info:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do?mode=AGENCYSEARCH&agency=HHS>

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## United States Environmental Protection Agency Environmental Research Grant Announcements

- [Developing High-Throughput Assays for Predictive Modeling of Reproductive and Developmental Toxicity Modulated Through the Endocrine System or Pertinent Pathways in Humans and Species Relevant to Ecological Risk Assessment](#) - **Open: January 28, 2011 - Closing May 5, 2011**
- [Dynamic Air Quality Management](#) - **Open: December 22, 2010 - Closing April 28, 2011**
- [Extreme Event Impacts on Air Quality and Water Quality with a Changing Global Climate](#) - **Open: January 21, 2011 - Closing April 18, 2011**
- [Environmental Impact And Mitigation Of Oil Spills](#) - **Open: February 28, 2011 - Closing June 22, 2011**

For more info:

<http://www.epa.gov/ncer/rfa/#CurrentStar>

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**United States Environmental Protection Agency**  
**Environmental Workforce Development & Job Training**

The grantees will deliver environmental workforce development and job training programs focused on hazardous and solid waste management, assessment and cleanup-associated activities. While Environmental Workforce Development and Job Training Grants focus on hazardous and solid waste remediation and health and safety, applicants may design their own curriculums by choosing what types of supplemental environmental training they want to provide.

Application deadline: **March 18, 2011**

Eligibility:

Governments and nonprofits

For More Information:

<http://www.epa.gov/oswer/docs/grants/epa-oswer-oblr-11-01.pdf>

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**United States Environmental Protection Agency**  
**Environmental Justice Small Grants Program**

The Environmental Justice Small Grants Program, supports and empowers communities working on solutions to local environmental and public health issues. The program assists recipients in building collaborative partnerships to help them understand and address environmental and public health issues in their communities. Successful collaborative partnerships involve not only well-designed strategic plans to build, maintain and sustain the partnerships, but also working towards addressing the local environmental and public health issues.

Application deadline: **March 31, 2011**

Eligibility:

Nonprofits

For more info:

<http://www.epa.gov/environmentaljustice/grants/ej-smgrants.html>

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**United States Department of Homeland Security**  
**List of Grant Competitions**

For more info:

<http://www.dhs.gov/xopnbiz/grants/>

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**United States Department of Homeland Security**  
**Fiscal Year 2010 Citizenship and Integration Grant Program**

This funding opportunity will focus on local programs currently promoting the rights and responsibilities of citizenship through citizenship preparation programs for LPRs. Proposed activities must include a citizenship education component consisting of citizenship or civics-focused ESL instruction and citizenship instruction (U.S. history and government) to prepare LPRs for the civics, and English reading, writing and speaking components of the naturalization test. In addition to the mandatory education component, grant funds may be used to provide naturalization application preparation assistance, including legal services (within the scope of authorized practice of immigration law) and case management services to support the naturalization application and interview process. Grant funds may also be used for outreach to inform LPRs of services offered through this grant funded program, staff professional development, and volunteer training. Grants will be awarded to organizations proposing citizenship education services only, as well as to organizations proposing both citizenship education services and naturalization application preparation assistance.

Application deadline: **April 30, 2010**

**Eligibility:**

Organizations eligible for this funding include, but are not limited to, public or private non-profit groups such as public school systems; universities or community colleges; civic, community, and faith-based organizations; adult education programs; public libraries; and volunteer and/or literacy organizations.

**For More Information:**

<http://www.uscis.gov/portal/site/uscis/menuitem.5af9bb95919f35e66f614176543f6d1a/?vgnextoid=3c501c7dcb507210VgnVCM100000082ca60aRCRD&vgnnextchannel=8a2f6d26d17df110VgnVCM1000004718190aRCRD>

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**United States Department of Justice**  
**List of Currently Open Grant Competitions**

Solicitation	Deadline	Apply
<b>Bureau of Justice Assistance</b>		
<a href="#">Statewide Automated Victim Information and Notification (SAVIN) Program</a>	03/24/11	<a href="#">Grants.gov</a>
<a href="#">Second Chance Act Adult Mentoring Grants to Nonprofit Organizations</a>	04/21/11	<a href="#">Grants.gov</a>
<a href="#">Smart Policing Initiative</a>	04/21/11	<a href="#">Grants.gov</a>
<a href="#">Encouraging Innovation: Field-Initiated Programs</a>	04/21/11	<a href="#">Grants.gov</a>
<b>Bureau of Justice Statistics</b>		
<a href="#">Annual Surveys of Probation and Parole, 2011-2014</a>	04/12/11	<a href="#">Grants.gov</a>
<a href="#">National Judicial Reporting Program 2011</a>	04/25/11	<a href="#">Grants.gov</a>
<a href="#">FY 2011 National Criminal History Improvement Technical Assistance Program Solicitation</a>	05/02/11	<a href="#">Grants.gov</a>
<a href="#">National Survey of Tribal Court Systems 2011</a>	05/10/11	<a href="#">Grants.gov</a>
<a href="#">Deaths in Custody Reporting Program, 2012-2015</a>	05/12/11	<a href="#">Grants.gov</a>
<b>National Institute of Justice</b>		
<a href="#">W.E.B. Du Bois Fellowship Program FY 2011</a>	03/22/11	<a href="#">Grants.gov</a>

<a href="#">Forensic Science Technology Center of Excellence</a>	04/04/11	<a href="#">Grants.gov</a>
<a href="#">Applied Research and Development in Forensic Science for Criminal Justice Purposes</a>	04/05/11	<a href="#">Grants.gov</a>
<a href="#">Research on Violence and Victimization Across the Life-Span</a>	04/06/11	<a href="#">Grants.gov</a>
<a href="#">Forensic Science Training Delivery and Research Program</a>	04/11/11	<a href="#">Grants.gov</a>
<a href="#">Basic Scientific Research to Support Forensic Science for Criminal Justice Purposes</a>	04/12/11	<a href="#">Grants.gov</a>
<a href="#">NIJ Visiting Fellows Program</a>	04/28/11	<a href="#">Grants.gov</a>
<b>Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention</b>		
<a href="#">FY 2011 Internet Crimes Against Children Deconfliction System Program</a>	03/28/11	<a href="#">Grants.gov</a>
<a href="#">FY 2011 Title II Formula Grants Program</a>	03/31/11	<a href="#">Grants Management System (GMS)</a>
<a href="#">FY 2011 Second Chance Act Juvenile Mentoring Initiative (FAQs)</a>	05/02/11	<a href="#">Grants.gov</a>
<a href="#">FY 2011 Gang Field Initiated Research and Evaluation Programs</a>	05/09/11	<a href="#">Grants.gov</a>
<a href="#">FY 2011 Child Protection Research Program</a>	05/10/11	<a href="#">Grants.gov</a>
<a href="#">FY 2011 Nonparticipating State Program: Wyoming</a>	05/31/11	<a href="#">Grants.gov</a>
<b>Office for Victims of Crime</b>		
<a href="#">Antiterrorism and Emergency Assistance Program</a>	case by case basis	
<a href="#">FY 2011 National Indian Nations Conference: Justice for Victims of Crime</a>	04/12/11	<a href="#">Grants.gov</a>
<a href="#">FY 2011 National Crime Victims' Rights Week Community Awareness Project</a>	04/21/11	<a href="#">Grants.gov</a>
<b>Office of Sex Offender Sentencing, Monitoring, Apprehending, Registering, and Tracking</b>		
<a href="#">FY 2011 Support for Adam Walsh Act Implementation Grant Program</a>	04/04/11	<a href="#">Grants.gov</a>

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## **National Endowment for the Arts** **Grant Opportunities**

To explore available funding opportunities, click on the artistic discipline or field below that is most relevant to your project. In most areas, funding is limited to organizations. (Direct awards to individuals are made only through Literature Fellowships, NEA Jazz Masters Fellowships, NEA Opera Honors, and NEA National Heritage Fellowships in the Folk & Traditional Arts.)

Application Deadline: **Varies**

For more info:

<http://www.arts.gov/grants/apply/index.html>

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**National Endowment for the Humanities**  
**Grant Opportunities**

NEH is an independent grant-making agency of the United States government dedicated to supporting research, education, preservation, and public programs in the humanities. NEH grants typically go to cultural institutions, such as museums, archives, libraries, colleges, universities, public television, and radio stations, and to individual scholars. The grants:

- strengthen teaching and learning in the humanities in schools and colleges across the nation
- facilitate research and original scholarship
- provide opportunities for lifelong learning
- preserve and provide access to cultural and educational resources
- strengthen the institutional base of the humanities

Application Deadline: **Varies**

For more info:

<http://www.neh.gov/grants/grantsbydivision.html>

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**Department of Housing and Urban Development**  
**Emergency Capital Repair Program for Multifamily Housing Projects Designated for Occupancy by the Elderly**

This program provides funding emergency capital repairs to eligible multifamily projects owned by private nonprofit entities that are designated for occupancy by elderly tenants.

Application deadline: **Funds will be awarded on a first-come, first-served basis until Nov. 29, 2011**

Eligibility:

Private nonprofit owners of eligible multifamily-assisted housing developments designated for occupancy by elderly tenants

For More Information:

<https://www.cfda.gov/?s=program&mode=form&tab=step1&id=b8f4c9b8928424a879a6243b337375b6>

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**National Science Foundation**

The National Science Foundation funds research and education in most fields of science and engineering. It does this through grants, and cooperative agreements to more than 2,000 colleges, universities, K-12 school systems, businesses, informal science organizations and other research organizations throughout the United States. The Foundation accounts for about one-fourth of federal support to academic institutions for basic research.

Application deadline: **Varies**

For More Information:

[http://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm\\_list.jsp?org=NSF&ord=date](http://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_list.jsp?org=NSF&ord=date)

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**Department of Treasury**  
**Internal Revenue Service**

**Internal Revenue Service Tax Tips**

More information is available at [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov)

- **First-Time Homebuyer Credit and Long-Time Resident Credit**
  - Eligible first-time homebuyers who purchased a home on or before Apr. 30, 2010 or entered into a binding contract by April 30, 2010 and settled on the purchase on or before September 30, 2010 may be able to claim up to an \$8,000 tax credit.
  - Additionally, a new law also provides a “long-time resident” credit of up to \$6,500 for taxpayers who do not qualify as “first-time homebuyers.” To qualify for the \$6,500 credit, a buyer must have owned and used the same home as a principal or primary residence for at least five consecutive years of the eight-year period ending on the date of purchase of a new home as a primary residence. For qualifying purchases in 2010, you have the option of claiming the credit on either your 2009 or 2010 tax return. Paper returns must be filed to claim these credits and documentation of the purchase must be included with the return.
- **Get Credit for Making Your Home More Energy Efficient**
  - Tax incentives are still available for making energy efficient improvements to your home. You may be able to claim a “nonbusiness energy property credit” of 30% of the cost of certain energy-efficient property or improvements you placed in service in 2010.
  - This property can include high-efficiency heat pumps, air conditioners, and water heaters. It also may include energy-efficient windows, doors, insulation materials, and certain roofs. The credit has been expanded to include certain asphalt roofs and stoves that burn biomass fuel. The total amount of credit you can claim in 2009 and 2010 is \$1,500.
- **Get a Tax Break for Education Expenses**
  - The American Opportunity Credit, a modification of the Hope Credit has been expanded for 2009 and 2010 and is available to a broader range of taxpayers, including many with higher incomes and those who owe no tax.
  - It also adds required course materials to the list of qualifying expenses and allows the credit to be claimed for four post-secondary education years instead of two. Many of those eligible will qualify for the maximum annual credit of \$2,500 per student.
- **Get the Most Out of Your Retirement Accounts**
  - Are you maximizing your contributions to your retirement accounts? This year, you can contribute up to \$5,000 in an IRA, as well as another \$16,500 to a 401(k) employee plan. If you’re 50 or older, those numbers go up to \$6,000 and \$22,000, respectively.
- **The Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC)**
  - The Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) is a refundable federal income tax credit for low-income working individuals and families. When the credit exceeds the amount of taxes owed, it results in a tax refund to those who qualify for and claim the credit. Find out if you qualify here:  
<http://www.irs.gov/individuals/article/0,,id=130102,00.html>

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**SMALL BUSINESS INFORMATION**

**Did you know that nearly 96 percent of consumers live outside the U.S.?**

Small businesses interested in exporting now have a new online tool to help them tap into the global marketplace to grow their business. Developed by the U.S. Department of Commerce and the U.S. Small Business Administration, Six Steps to Begin Exporting, [www.export.gov/begin](http://www.export.gov/begin), is the latest tool in the National Export Initiative toolbox to help entrepreneurs begin exporting.

**Take advantage of the Small Business Health Care Tax Credit:**

The Internal Revenue Service released final guidance for small employers eligible to claim the new small business health care tax credit for the 2010 tax year.

- Form 8941, Credit for Small Employer Health Insurance Premiums, and newly revised Form 990-T are now available.
- <http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/i8941.pdf>
- <http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/f8941.pdf>
- These credits are available for tax years 2010 through 2013 and for any two years after that. Through 2013, the maximum tax credit is 35 percent of premiums paid by small employers and 25 percent for



eligible tax-exempt organizations. Beginning in 2014, those levels increase to 50 percent and 35 percent, respectively. Importantly, these credits are just one of many benefits in the Affordable Care Act. Most notably, in 2014, firms with up to 100 workers will be able to pool their buying power and reduce their administrative costs by purchasing coverage through a health insurance exchange.

### **Small Business Program for Veterans**

A very popular initiative that in just three-and-a-half years has provided more than \$560 million in loan guarantees to nearly 7,000 veterans to start or expand their small businesses is being renewed for three more years, according to the U.S. Small Business Administration. Patriot Express, a streamlined pilot loan product based on the agency's SBA Express program, offers an enhanced guaranty and interest rate on loans to small businesses owned by veterans, reservists and their spouses.

Patriot Express loans are offered by SBA's network of participating lenders nationwide and feature one of SBA's fastest turnaround times for loan approvals. Patriot Express loans are available for up to \$500,000. The Patriot Express loan can be used for most business purposes, including start-up, expansion, equipment purchases, working capital, inventory or business-occupied real-estate purchases. Local SBA district offices can provide lists of Patriot Express lenders in their areas. Details on the initiative can be found at [www.sba.gov/patriotexpress](http://www.sba.gov/patriotexpress).

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### **Small Business Administration**

#### **Looking for funding and other financial resources?**

Federal, state and local governments offer a wide range of financing programs to help small businesses start and grow their operations. These programs include low-interest loans, venture capital, and scientific and economic development grants.

For more info:

Business.gov, the official business link to the U.S. Government has a great resource page:

<http://www.business.gov/financing/index.html>

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### **Small Business Administration**

#### **New 504 Loan Refinancing Program**

Small businesses facing maturity of commercial mortgages or balloon payments before Dec. 31, 2012, may be able to refinance their mortgage debt with a 504 loan from the U.S. Small Business Administration under a new, temporary program.

The new refinancing loan is structured like SBA's traditional 504, with borrowers committing at least 10 percent equity and working with third-party lending institutions and SBA-approved Certified Development Companies in the standard 50 percent/40 percent split. A key feature of the new program is that it does not require an expansion of the business in order to qualify.

SBA will begin accepting refinancing applications on Feb. 28. The program, authorized under the Small Business Jobs Act, will be in effect through Sept. 27, 2012.

The SBA initially will open the program to businesses with immediate need due to impending balloon payments before Dec. 31, 2012. SBA will revisit the program later and may open it to businesses with balloon payments due after that date or those that can demonstrate strong need in other ways.

"We are making this initial restriction to make sure our funding goes first to small businesses with the most need," said Steve Smits, SBA Associate Administrator of Capital Access.

Borrowers will be able to refinance up to 90 percent of the current appraised property value or 100 percent of the outstanding mortgage, whichever is lower, plus eligible refinancing costs. Loan proceeds may not be used for other business expenses. Existing 504 projects and government-guaranteed loans are not eligible to be refinanced.

SBA's traditional 504 loan program is a long-term financing tool, designed to encourage economic development within a community. A 504 loan provides small businesses with long-term, fixed-rate financing to acquire major fixed assets for expansion or modernization.

Typically, a 504 project includes three elements: a loan (or first mortgage) secured with a senior lien from a private-sector lender covering up to 50 percent of the project cost, a second mortgage secured with a junior lien from an SBA Certified Development Company (backed by a 100 percent SBA-guaranteed debenture) covering up to 40 percent of the cost, and a contribution of at least 10 percent equity from the small business borrower.

For more info:

<http://www.sba.gov/content/504-loan-refinancing-program>